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[] The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.

[] The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference(s) [] under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:

[] the explanation provided on the attached sheet.

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[] the enclosed English language abstract.

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